

Triumph *over* tragedy

Northwest soccer assistant finds solace in sport

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There are many life lessons that a young man can learn from the game of soccer. Soccer can teach a person the importance of great teamwork, hard work, leadership, and how to overcome adversity.

While Northwest Missouri State Soccer Assistant Danner Jacobsen learned each of those principles during his playing career, the game could not have prepared him for the harsh reality of losing both of his parents at a young age.

Losing one parent would be difficult enough, but losing both in a short amount of time is unimaginable. In February 2013, Jacobsen's mother Trudy Jacobsen lost her battle with cancer while

Danner was a sophomore at Maryville High School. Trudy's passing not only affected the Jacobsen family, but the Maryville and Northwest community as well. Before she died, Trudy worked in the Student Union as an employee for Northwest.

Trudy was more than just a mother to Danner, he said she was his biggest supporter when it came to him playing sports.

"My parents helped me a lot," Danner said. "They were at all my practices and all of my games. I would say my mom encouraged me the most to pursue soccer. Of course, my dad was there too, but I would say my mom definitely (was my biggest influence)."

“They will literally bleed green and that’s what we’ve seen from Danner.”
- Tracy Hoze
Northwest Soccer Head Coach

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BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman Danner Jacobson faced the reality of losing both of his parents to cancer within two years. Jacobson is now a soccer assistant for the Northwest soccer team.



ABRAHAM ACOSTA

Pre-trial date set for alleged rapist

The Iowa resident and former Northwest student who was charged with an alleged rape March 1, 2015, now awaits his pre-trial conference.

Abraham Acosta, Sibley, Iowa, was arrested last spring after allegedly raping a girl at the Tau Kappa Epsilon house.

According to the probable cause statement, the female was unable to prevent the suspect from having sex with her, but repeatedly said "stop" and "ow." The male kept responding "it's OK." A friend of the victim found the two in the room with the female on her hands and knees vomiting on the floor.

The female was taken to a restroom by her friend and was, "crying hysterically, and mumbling words like 'rape'" and "he said it was OK but it wasn't."

Acosta no longer attends Northwest and posted a \$35,000 bond. His pre-trial conference has been scheduled for Sept. 28.

Maryville named among safest college towns

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Maryville has been named one of the "50 Safest College Towns in America" by Safewise.com. Maryville ranked No. 32 and is the only Missouri city on the list. Maryville is also ranked the 21st safest city in Missouri.

According to Safewise, they collect their data by evaluating the most recent FBI crime statistics, combining that data with company research focused on safety-related programs and initiatives.

Maryville Public Safety and University Police were specifically credited with creating documents on "How to party safe" and programs such as the 'Lighthouse Project' which is a resource dedicated to assisting victims of sexual assault and is sponsored by the Northwest Wellness Center.

University Police Chief Clarence Green and Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood are the main faces associated with safety at Northwest and in Maryville as a whole.

"I think it's a combination of working with all the local entities within Maryville. We do a ton of education and preventative programming which I think is very successful," Green said.

In many college towns, parties are a common occurrence, and mak-

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| 5. | Canyon, Texas | 10. | Pullman, Washington |

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ing sure that people party responsibly is one of the main concerns of Maryville Public Safety and University Police.

"Sometimes, when people are partying, they make poor decisions. We want to keep a lid on behavior which is part of the safety factor, and I kind of operate with a philosophy that for the 6,000 plus students that are here, our job is to help them get their education both inside and out of the classroom," Wood said.

Maryville has many programs that are centered around building a relationship with students and university police and educating stu-

dents about how to be safe on a college campus.

"We have programs like 'Late Night Bites' which focuses on sobering people up after they leave a bar area," Green said. "We do 'Pizza and Police' which focuses on theft prevention. We also run the 'Safe Ride Home' program which has successfully reduced DWI's 66 percent over the last 11 years and there also haven't been any fatality accidents in the city of Maryville since we launched it."

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Title IX responds to sexual assault

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The Title IX office began investigating two sexual assaults Tuesday after alleged attacks Saturday night at the Sigma Phi Epsilon house.

A third party reported to the office that two Northwest women were sexually assaulted Sept. 19 after allegedly having drugs placed in their drinks earlier in the night at the Delta Sigma Phi house, according to an emailed statement released by University Police. There has yet to be a description released of the accused.

Because of the fact that the assault was reported to the Title IX office instead of law enforcement, this is not yet a criminal case, according to University Police Chief Clarence Green. No charges will be filed against either of the alleged assailants until decided so by the women.

"Normally, the victim comes in a reports it to us and we carry on with an investigation," Green said. "But the difference with this case is that it was referred to us by the Title IX office so we only have what information they give us."

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Leader appointed as interim county clerk

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It was a typical day in Maryville Sept. 9, for everyone but the Administration Center. They received a surprising resignation from one of the most important officials in the county.

The County Clerk for Nodaway County, Beth Walker, turned in her resignation to the office. This was a surprise for everyone who works for the county. Walker had served as

County Clerk since 2003 and was just finishing up her first year in her fourth term.

According to Walker's resignation letter, she wants to spend more time with her family and is expecting her first grandchild later this year. After Walker turned in her letter of resignation, she headed out to Ohio where her only child lives.

With Walker resigning, the County Clerk position needed to be filled as quickly as possible. They found the replacement for the posi-

tion in same office. The Nowaday County Commission Deputy Karen Leader is now the acting County Clerk.

A week in and Leader said she can already feel the weight of the job. Being the County Clerk does not come easily; it comes with many responsibilities. These responsibilities include running elections for the county, paying county bills, conducting county payroll, and actin as administration part of the county.

"It's been busy. But it hasn't

been to bad. I have a lot of help (with everything)," Leader said.

Leader has known Nowaday County for as long as she has lived. She was born and raised in Maryville where she graduated from Maryville High School.

Before Leader got appointed as acting County Clerk, she was the deputy for the County Clerk for 12 years.

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Funding cuts harm shelter

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The approval of the 2016 city budget has resulted in budget cuts for the New Nodaway Humane Society.

The shelter’s request to receive \$94,000 in funding for the fiscal year 2016 has been denied. City Council has reduced their budget by \$20,000 from fiscal year 2015, leaving the animal shelter with a budget of \$60,000 for the upcoming year as opposed to approximately \$80,000 this past year.

During the Sept. 14 city council meeting, the Humane Society requested an increase in their budget after seeing an increase in stray animals. The no-kill shelter felt a significant amount of stress trying to address the problem due to a lack of funding.

According to councilmember Rachel Martin, the shelter will receive less than they anticipated.

“After a difficult deliberation, the council unanimously agreed upon \$60,000 for the humane society for fiscal year 2016,” Martin said. “The New Nodaway Humane Society will receive the same amount as Nodaway County Economic Development. I have to ask myself, ‘how does the requested amount fit in with our budget and priorities? Is animal control Maryville’s number one priority in regards to community support?’”

Martin describes the relationship between the city and the animal shelter as well as benefits provided to the shelter.

“The City of Maryville pays the New Nodaway Humane Society for animal control services. The current contract expires Sept. 30 and a one year contract extension has been

provided to them for their consideration,” Martin said. “It includes a \$60,000 payment for Fiscal Year 2016, a waiver for water and sewer fees, which totals approximately \$5,000 based on historical usage, and an LED (Light-Emitting Diode) Retrofit Project at the facility to assist them with electricity bills in the long-term. At some point if the two parties would not be able to negotiate a contract, the City of Maryville would find another alternative to provide animal control services.

According to Veterinarian Technician Heidi Burns, the budget for fiscal year 2015 was not enough to support their needs, and she worries this fiscal year’s budget will hinder the shelter.

“Our budget was \$80,000 as far as the city was concerned. It did not meet our needs for last year,” Burns said. “We had increases in food supplies, vaccinations and so on. When your animals increase, your bare basics increase as well.”

According to Doug Sutton the shelter has seen an increase of approximately 40 percent in stray animals. As Maryville’s only animal shelter, Burns said the major increase in strays will cause them a lot of stress.

“We have seen our numbers increase in both dogs and cats. I think we’ve taken in close to 200 or more animals in the past year,” Burns said. “We haven’t been able to sit down as a group and discuss what we are going to do. Probably have higher fees and not be able to help as many animals as we did before. We might have to get to a pick and choose sort of thing, may be able to help one person but not another.”

Martin said the council had to pull together and evaluate what was best for the city.

“Our council’s commitment to addressing the infiltration and inflow issues identified in fiscal Year 2015 is evident in our budget. We spent hours evaluating and prioritizing the needs of the city, and agreed this was an important area to focus on,” Martin said. “Employee benefits are another area of commitment for our council. A study revealed some gaps in pay when compared to similar positions in similar cities. In an effort to improve recruitment and retention, I fully supported the increases.”

The New Nodaway Humane Society was not the only business in Maryville to experience cut funding. The Maryville Downtown Improvement Organization requested \$10,000 for the fiscal year 2016 and will only be receiving \$2,000.

Burns said even if the city invested in public animal control, she still believes the animal shelter is more effective.

“In my opinion we serve the public better than animal control. We are good animal control. We are able to take animals that are coming in and keep track of how many we get, and their vaccinations. I think we do a better job here than the city would do on their own,” Burns said.

Burns also said the city will be affected by the increasing amount of strays.

According to Martin, prior to the current contract with the shelter, the Maryville Public Safety Department provided animal control services.

“The city will have an overloaded population. There will be many animals getting hit by cars, animals seen out in public starving and homeless and the public will want to know why,” Burns said.

However, Martin said that the increase in animals may not be sole-



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Budget cuts to local humane society limits its ability to help animals.

ly coming from Maryville,

“The increase in animals, the 620 mentioned, does not indicate whether these were strays picked up by animal control services or animals brought to the facility. Numerous animals are brought to the shelter by owners who cannot care for them or find them themselves,” Mar-

tin said. “The shelter also services the entire County of Nodaway and I believe the increase is a total figure and not specifically the numbers in Maryville. A very low percentage of animals taken in by animal control are considered vicious. I do not have an increased safety concern based on those numbers.”

Budget increases highlight Maryville’s new fiscal year

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Maryville City Council has approved the ordinance to amend the 2015 fiscal budget, resulting in budget cuts as well as increased funding for five selected funds.

Council Member Jason McDowell said he wishes the approval of the amendments did not result in budget cuts.

“There were multiple projects

that did not get the amount of funds that they asked for from the city in this budget,” McDowell said. “Each department head had to trim their budgets in order to fit everything we could into the limited amount of money we have to spend this year. It would be wonderful if we could give every group and department the maximum amount of funding that they request, but that wasn’t a possibility.”

The Parks and Recreation fund,

Capital Improvement Plan fund, Debt Retirement fund, Tax Increment Finances and the Central Garage fund will receive more funding from the city.

The Parks and Recreation fund will receive a \$97,192 increase, the Debt Retirement fund will receive an increase of \$24,455, the TIF fund will increase by \$1,757,031 and the CIP fund will increase by \$119,832. The Central Garage fund will increase by \$3,967.

The CIP fund, which includes funding for street improvements, was supposed to be completed Sept. 30, 2014, however it was still ongoing in early 2015, resulting in higher expenses than planned.

According to McDowell, the CIP funding voted on nearly a decade ago is about to come to an end.

“We are reaching the end of CIP funding that was approved by voters nearly 10 years ago. If that is renewed, it would help the possibility of additional funding being available for some of the programs and projects in future fiscal years,” McDowell said.

The council approved spending reserves to continue with the design for the Spoofoound Trail Project, and to pay for half of the non-water related items in change order No. 3 for the Fourth Street project. Revenues have been adjusted for increased sales tax, grant funds and impact fees for stormwater according to the City Council Action Report.

McDowell fully supports the increase for the CIP fund due to the included funding for street improvements.

“I went into the budget process knowing that this would be a leaner fiscal year than the previous. With that in mind, I rallied for more fund-

ing for street overlay,” McDowell said. “Many streets across the city are in disrepair. It’s important that we continue to spend what we can to continue to maintain recently overlaid roads while adding new ones to the list.”

The Parks and Recreation Board, according to the council’s action report, determined after the beginning of the fiscal year to move forward with a few projects involving the Community Center. However, after the Community Center was damaged by a vehicle, the board encountered unexpected expenses. 2016 revenues have been adjusted to reflect the insurance proceeds, adjustment to cash reserves, donations and actual program revenues.

The TIF fund has been changed to reflect refunding of the TIF Revenue Bonds, also to adjust revenues for increased sales taxes set by the TIF District. Along with that, the Debt Retirement fund is being amended to reflect the increase in transfers to the TIF fund.

The Central Garage performed more maintenance for departments than expected, resulting in additional expenses for parts. Line items and revenues were adjusted to reflect estimated end balances. See full coverage online at nwmissourianews.com.

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Business school ranked among top 100 in nation

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A finance-related site placed Northwest's School of Business within the top 100 in the nation this month.

Nerdwallet, a self-described financial-advice website, ranked the business school at 75 out of 100 in the United States. Nerdwallet considered factors such as affordability, debt after graduation, prestige (determined largely by students' Scholastic Aptitude Test scores) and median salary 10 years post-graduation.

Steven Ludwig, Ph.D., the director of the School of Business, attributed the ranking partially to Northwest's tuition, career placement rate and salary after graduating.

"Students get a lot for what they pay for. We have a high placement rate with employment, and students do very well compensation-wise," Ludwig said. "We provide a program that prepares students for the profession they're entering in their chosen career."

Ludwig also believes that the students' success is largely a result of getting first-hand experience in their chosen field before graduation.

According to Ludwig, students receive profession-based experiences that prepares them for success after graduation. He also noted the importance of internships and the benefits of studying abroad.

"With employers, one internship is almost expected, so we try to encourage at least two," Ludwig said.

"Graduates start their career with a solid background so they

can advance more quickly," Ludwig said. "We continually study our curriculum, look at what employers want, adjust our curriculum, and look at local businesses. We focus on internships. In some disciplines, an internship counts toward a specific requirement for a degree. We encourage all students to participate."

According to Ludwig, one notable recent change is the merging of two separate schools focused on two different disciplines of the business world. Accounting and economics comprised one department, marketing and international business was another.

"In the spring of 2012, the University went through reorganization. At that time, the schools were combined," Ludwig said.

National test scores were a factor that NerdWallet looked at when ranking the schools.

"In general, while it varies from year to year, for a couple of years, we saw a significant increase the general education assessment, which might indicate a higher quality of student," Ludwig said. "There is also a nationally-normed field test that all students take in their capstone class. Normally, the achievement on this test is in the 60th to 70th percentile, and it is compared nationally."

Ludwig noted that students' American College Testing scores were most likely comparable to the rest of the University.

Senior Katie Mahoney, who is also a student in the

business school, enjoys what she describes as a, "home away from home."



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Professor Tiebing Shi teaches an international marketing class Sept. 21.

"I don't think there are that many other schools where the teachers will holler 'hello' across campus," Mahoney said. "We have a family atmosphere. It's cliché, but I'm going to say it's true. The faculty and advisors genuinely care about their students, too."

Mahoney has completed three internships in her time at Northwest.

Her third internship, which was with SunGevity in Kansas City, was spent her summer doing Human Resources recruiting for SunGevity, and she was actually referred to them by the company she interned at before.

"I loved the real hands-on experience related to my major," Mahoney said.

Junior Jordan Wittrock is a public/private accounting and financial services major within the School of Business. She currently is a gift processor and data assistant in the alumni house.

"It's been awesome. It's great to get connected with the faculty, to get to know the teachers and how they teach. They see you across the sidewalk and say 'hi' to you," Wittrock said.

Wittrock says that it was in one of the general business courses that she was able to decide on a major.

Alison Hoffman, an instructor in the business department, played an important role in helping her make a decision.

"In Accounting 101, something

clicked, so then I tried Accounting II," Wittrock said.

In some of the more advanced accounting classes, students learn about different aspects of the accounting field.

"I've always liked math. I was that person in high school that people came to for homework help," she said.

Wittrock intends to take the Certified Public Accountant exam, but has also considered the entrepreneur path.

"I come from a family of people who own their own businesses. My mom has her own hair shop, my uncle owns bars, my aunt runs a preschool. I want to be a powerhouse that inspires people," Wittrock said.

University considers change in course titles

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A lot of frustration surrounds colleges' requirement for students to take general education classes.

Students struggle to find jobs in their field of study due to, in part, a lack of core curriculum offering enough meaningful experience applicable in the job hunt. Demographic changes, among other factors, will soon bring a renovation to many college general education programs across the United States.

Every college must examine

their core curriculum from time to time which remains key to staying relevant. Some may argue that Northwest's educational programs are one of the best in the state of Missouri. Associate Professor at Northwest James Eiswert, Ph.D., believes that Northwest's general education programs could be even better.

"We began two years ago starting to look at general education and institutional requirement programs to see what should be done or could be done to make the programs more coherent. Being more successful in communicating to students what it's

all about and making it more intelligible as our baseline program at Northwest, for the majors, for the employers, and so forth is the goal," Eiswert said.

While the overall look of the programs won't change, the structuring of the programs and naming will. The restructuring process is ongoing as Northwest responds to ever-changing demographics, a tough situation all colleges are looking to survive.

"Our demographic changes. The numbers of young people that are positioned, because of birth rates and so forth, to go onto universities is shrinking, so we have smaller pools to draw on," Eiswert said. "Every university has to do some soul-searching, trying to figure out how to best position itself to attract

and sustain the student population it needs for survival."

Students need not fear these changes. The alterations in Northwest's general education programs have more to do with name changes and the placement of classes. Eiswert assured that students halfway through their catalogue wouldn't need to change to the new general education structure, but could upgrade their catalogue to the new one when it is launched in Fall 2016. However, students may not go back to their old catalogue should they choose to upgrade.

Right now the proposed changes remain in the hands of the Designated Matters Committee. After the DMC approves the measure it goes to the Curriculum and Degree Requirements Committee for approval.

Afterward, the faculty senate must sign off before going to the Board of Regents.

However, Eiswert made a strong point that none of the proposed changes are set in stone as of yet. Eiswert and the DMC look to get the measure to the Board of Regents fairly soon but not without student input.

"So the time frame that we're looking at from today's date is that hopefully we'll get it to the Board of Regents by the late December or January meeting," Eiswert said. "We're quite a ways away from completion of the transformation. It is DMC's intention to introduce it to the Student Senate for feedback and thoughts. We're just not at that juncture yet in the process," Eiswert said.

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Maryville unfit for safest college town list



According to safewise.com, Maryville was named 32nd in the list of the 50 safest college towns for 2015. This research was collected from the FBI crime statistics from 2013 to today, which were then related by population.

If we are 32nd on that list, then there must be no safe college town in America anymore. Maryville is a very long way away from being one of the safest college towns in America. There have been several crimes since 2013 that would make one think the town of Maryville has a long journey before it can become one of the safest college towns.

Mass Media Instructor Matthew Rouch was arrested Sept., 2013. Other staff had notified University Police of a Facebook post stating that, “By October, I’ll be wanting to get on top of the bell tower with a high powered rifle...”

Along with that, Nodaway County Sheriff’s department said it found a marijuana-growing operation in Rouch’s house after searching it to investigate a bomb threat.

If this wasn’t enough to change your mind, we have had several different instances to prove safewise wrong.

Earlier this year, a waitress was harassed at her place of employment when a male customer made racist remarks to her. The man also grabbed the waitress on several dif-



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ferent instances, hard enough to leave bruises on her arms according to the waitress.

If a town with a crime map so occupied with colored dots that you can barely read street names made this list, what does that say about other towns?

Are we really one of the safest college towns, even after all these instances? If we can look at all of these crimes and still determine that Maryville is a very safe place, I am afraid I never want to visit South Orange, New Jersey, ranked 50 on the

list.

Sept. 19, there were two reports of sexual assault and two instances of drinks being drugged.

Only three weeks into school starting and we already have these kind of crimes happening. That is not a trait of a safe town.

One of the things on the site that makes them claim Maryville is safe is the Lighthouse Project sponsored by the Wellness Center.

While this is a great feature to have at Northwest, we can not stand by and accept the fact that sexual as-

sault is a major safety issue on campuses today. Instead of embracing the fact that rape will happen anywhere there is a college campus, we should make students feel safe and help prevent sexual assault rather than just offering comfort when it is already too late.

Maryville harbors 14 registered sex offenders, and there have been multiple instances of larceny, assault and drug and alcohol charges since 2013. If I were to write about all major charges that have happened since 2013, this paper would be full of just

this one column.

Maryville does not deserve to be one of the safest towns on that list. While Maryville is a relatively nice town to go to school, that is all they can offer. Multiple stories from Maryville have made regional and even national news lately.

It is sad to think that all of this takes place in a town ranked 32nd on that list. We are not one of the safest college towns in America, while there are far worse towns, Maryville is relatively small compared to them and should not be on this list.

OUR VIEW: Campus assault case misplaced by local law enforcement

Communication lapses between University Police and county courthouse leaves Kansas City man uncharged

Last week, the Missourian ran a news brief following the story of Dalton J. Mulligan, a man arrested on charges of third-degree assault, unlawful use of drug paraphernalia and possession of up to 35 grams of marijuana outside of Franken Hall.

This case was supposedly sent on to the Nodaway County Courthouse and out of the possession of University Police Department, according to Police Chief Clarence Green. However, once the information left UPD and went on to the Nodaway County Courthouse, there was no information on the man or the charge.

According to Deputy Clerk Pamela O’Riley, there was no record of the Mulligan case. Even after multiple attempts to get more information on this case, the Missourian has continued to come up empty-handed.

We at the Missourian have one simple question: What happened to this case? After attempting to get our hands on Mulligan’s record, we still have no new information. Is this a case that will never be resolved?

This man was arrested on charges of third-degree assault and could now be free because of the lack of communication between the UPD and county courthouse.

For all we know, a dangerous man is running around campus. If he assaulted someone

once, he can do it again.

We do not even know if the police are doing anything to find him or stop him. We can not even say we know that the courthouse is doing everything they can to find this information and detain him.

This would not only put the well being of other students at risk, but it would also display irresponsibility on behalf of the University Police and the county courthouse. If it is so hard to get the cases to one another, then at least have the decency to communicate throughout the process to make sure a case does not just vanish.

Freshman Tristan Waterman, who lives in Franken, heard the news for the first time and was shocked to hear that it happened in the first place. The news of something like this happening just outside of your place of residence is disturbing, but to hear the case was lost in the process and the man is still free creates an entirely new sense of panic.

Police and county officials need to get together and solve where they went wrong in the process of sending the case to each other.

We deserve to know what happened and we deserve to know that this case has been properly resolved and students are safe. It is time to be more responsible and find out what went wrong.

Local animal shelter deserves more funding

BETH POTTROFF
Contributing Columnist



The New Nodaway Humane Society came before the Maryville City Council to request more money in order to cover an increase in costs due to the shelter having to take in more animals.

Last year the shelter took in around 400 animals. This year, that number has risen to around 620 animals according to Doug Sutton, president of the New Nodaway Humane Society Board of Directors, almost a 40 percent increase.

Sutton would like to increase funds for one year in order to give the shelter time to brainstorm new ideas for bringing in money and reducing the number of stray animals.

I think this is a reasonable thing for the shelter to ask of the City Council. The city council members should understand the needs of the shelter. However, the city actually cut the shelter’s funding by \$20,000.

This left them stranded trying to figure out how they are going to deal with the issue of the increase in stray animals. The shelter will now have to leave some animals still stranded,

starving and homeless. An increase in animals, means they will need more space, food, cleaning materials, vaccinations and other supplies needed to care for the animals. But the odds are that they will not have enough funding to meet those needs.

I understand that the city may have other obligations, but I think the fair thing to do would be to split the money as evenly as they can between all of the businesses. By doing things that way, each organization will receive a little bit of help instead of cutting some business short in funding.

The fact that there are more animals on the streets means more animals are going to die, more animals will be a nuisance to people living in town and most of them will not be able to be taken care of or adopted.

I hope that in the future, they find a way to better distribute their money so that all of the business can receive the funding they need. Especially for the animal shelter because it is working toward a really great cause

DANNER
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On the very same day that his mother passed away, Danner showed the type of strength and courage that not a lot of people have.

Instead of skipping the basketball game, Danner went ahead and played without having his biggest supporter being there to encourage him.

While most athletes would usually miss that game, playing brought comfort to Danner. Even the most tragic of things did not hinder his focus and desire to compete.

Going into his junior year, Danner resumed his starting role and established himself as one of the better players and leaders on the Maryville boys soccer team.

Danner did not even think about the possibility of giving up on the game he loves.

Every game, Danner gave his team his all and remained focused despite what he was going through. His ability to overcome adversity not only impressed the players on the team, but it caught Maryville boys soccer Head Coach Stuart Collins' attention as well.

"He's so focused on soccer. That's what he wanted to do," Collins said. "Some people, and he probably did to a certain extent, used it as an outlet, a way to get away from his thoughts on other things. Instead of letting it affect him in a negative way, he used it as a positive. He just allowed himself to focus even harder on things."

Besides being a major contributor on the team, Danner did something not a lot of star players would



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

As a soccer assitant, freshman Danner Jacobson sets up drills, captures practice footage and lends his insight to the team.

do. Despite being a striker, Danner volunteered to start playing defense.

By volunteering to play more on the defensive side of the ball, Danner showed that he was willing to make sacrifices to better his team

in any way possible. Danner's willingness to do whatever he could to help his teammates did not go unnoticed, as he was named one of the team captains.

After Danner's soccer play-

ing career was over, and halfway through his senior year, the unthinkable happened. Danner's father, Monte Jacobsen, also lost his fight with cancer and died December 2014.

SAFE
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Often people see college as a time to try new things, find yourself and grow up before you fully enter the adult world, but with all the new things out there, it can often be a scary place for college students.

"This age of students can be a vulnerable age because it is an age of being inquisitive and trying new things," Green said.

"We have people who come to college and want to try new things but it's a little scary to think about the things that are in our environment that can harm people. With the different types of alcohol and the synthetic and prescription drugs and a lot of other things that weren't in society a few years ago, sometimes even if you stress responsibil-

ity there are some people who want to go out and party hard regardless. That can make keeping people safe a little hard."

However, even with the curious student demographic, Maryville Public Safety and University Police still make student and community safety their top priority.

"It makes it hard but it is a challenge that we are up to, we embrace it. That's why it is important for us to think of unique ways to connect with students. That is why we provide a host of programs instead of just one solution," Green said.

Maryville tries very hard to make the students and citizens feel safe. It want to provide a community that has a more family oriented feel which brings together people and the police and not a city that is constantly policing the people.

TITLE IX
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Vice President of Student Affairs Matt Baker said the next step in the Title IX investigation is for the program's coordinator Rebecca Lawrence to meet with the person who made the report and then meet with the victims.

"Meeting with the victims, we will talk about the option to file a police report and to do an investigation through the police, talk about the option to do a Title IX investigation, meaning it would be an internal academic investigation, and we'll talk about what the University can and will do from an academic standpoint," Baker said.

According to Baker, the University can make accommodations during the investigation process that

will allow for minimal interaction between the victims and the perpetrators on campus. This could include switching some classes as well as attempting to regulate when the two parties use certain University buildings. They would also discuss the health and support resources offered by the campus and community.

The handling of the case at that point would, for the most part, be in the hands of the victims. They could elect to press charges, at which point Maryville Public Safety would begin an investigation alongside the one already in progress by the Title IX office, they could choose to not file charges and allow for the Title IX office to do the only investigation, or they could decide they wanted no investigation by either party. However, even if they decide they do not want a Title IX investigation,

the office could still continue with its process if they felt there was a serious threat to the community.

Baker said the investigation process by the Title IX office is directed at making sure every disputed fact is addressed until it is clear that a violation of Title IX occurred.

"If everyone accepts responsibility and someone comes forward and says 'Yeah, I did this,' then the Title IX coordinator would take care of it," Baker said. "If there is a disputable fact (between the story of the accused and the story of the accuser) then it would go to a hearing panel. The important thing to know about Title IX cases is that it is preponderance of the evidence standard. So, it is 50 percent plus a feather. Is it 50 percent plus a feather sure that this happened. It's not 90 or 80 percent, it's just that small amount."

CLERK
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During those 12 years as deputy, she had the responsibilities of entering bills and helping run elections for the county. Leader worked under

Walker as deputy where she helped out with all of the responsibilities of the County Clerk. Leader is unsure if she will run for the position next year.

Leader is only filling the position temporarily. Usually in situations like this, Missouri Governor

Jay Nixon appoints a new County Clerk.

Governor Nixon's Press Secretary Scott Holste said there is no set date by which they hope to have an official County Clerk.

"The office is currently taking applications for the position. Those

applications may be review for interviews. But there still is not time table (for appointing a new County Clerk)," Holste said.

When Governor Nixon appoints a County Clerk, they will serve out the term until the next federal election, which will be held November,

2016.

Leader is still waiting for Governor Nixon to make the appointment for who is going to take over as the County Clerk. For the time being, Leader said she is going to do the best that she can to serve as acting County Clerk for Nodaway County.

Blotters for the week of Sept. 24

Maryville Department of Public Safety

- Sept. 10**
There is an ongoing investigation regarding tampering with a motor vehicle at the 1000 block of North Filmore.
- There is an ongoing investigation regarding larceny from a motor vehicle at the 1000 block of North Buchanan.
- Sept. 11**
A summons was issued for Riley J. Smith, 18, Grain Valley, Missouri, for minor in possession at the 600 block of North Mulberry.
- A summons was issued for James C. Eubank, 20, for minor in possession at the 600 block of North Mulberry.
- A summons was issued for Rodney V. Jacobs, 45, Marshall, Missouri, for driving while intoxicated and disorderly conduct at the 200 block of North Main Street.
- Sept. 12**
A summons was issued for Ryan J. Spelhaug, 18, for minor in possession, resisting arrest, failure to comply and being in a park after hours at the 1000 block of

- North Country Club Road.
- There is an ongoing investigation regarding property damage at the 300 block of North Walnut.
- A summons was issued for Clayton F. Farrell, 17, for disorderly conduct on the 800 block of South Sanders.
- A summons was issued for Cailin S. Morrow-Smith, 17, Kansas City, Missouri, for possession of marijuana, minor in possession and contributing intoxicants to a minor at the 200 block of West Seventh Street.
- Sept. 14**
There is an ongoing investigation regarding larceny at the 100 block of East Lincoln Street.
- There is an ongoing investigation regarding lost or stolen license plates at the 400 block of South Charles.
- Sept. 15**
An appliance fire was reported at the 500 block of West Third Street.
- There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at the 200 block of East Third Street.

- Sept. 16**
A summons was issued for Bryce J. Siebeneck, 19, for disorderly conduct and minor in possession at the 600 block of North Davis Street.
- Sept. 17**
There is an ongoing investigation regarding property damage at the 400 block of West Ninth Street.
- A summons was issued for Manverpal S. Bajwa for larceny at the 1800 block of South Main Street.
- Sept. 18**
A summons was issued for Hunter L. Burch, 18, for possession of a fake I.D. and being under 19 in a bar at the 300 block of North Market.
- Sept. 19**
A summons was issued for Ma-laeimi T. Faaleiua, 23, for driving with a suspended license, speeding and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle at the 600 block of South Main Street.
- Sept. 20**
There is an onging investigation regarding disturbing the peace at the 300 block of West Fourth Street.

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- Sept. 15**
A summons was issued for assault at the 900 block of West Third Street.

- Sept. 16**
A summons was issued for stealing in the Student Union.
- Sept. 17**
A summons was issued for stealing in Garrett Strong.
- Sept. 18**
Two summonses for drug law viola-

- tions were issued in Dietrich Hall.
- Three summonses were issued for liquor law violations in Hudson Hall.
- Sept. 21**
A summons was issued for relationship violence in Millikan Hall.

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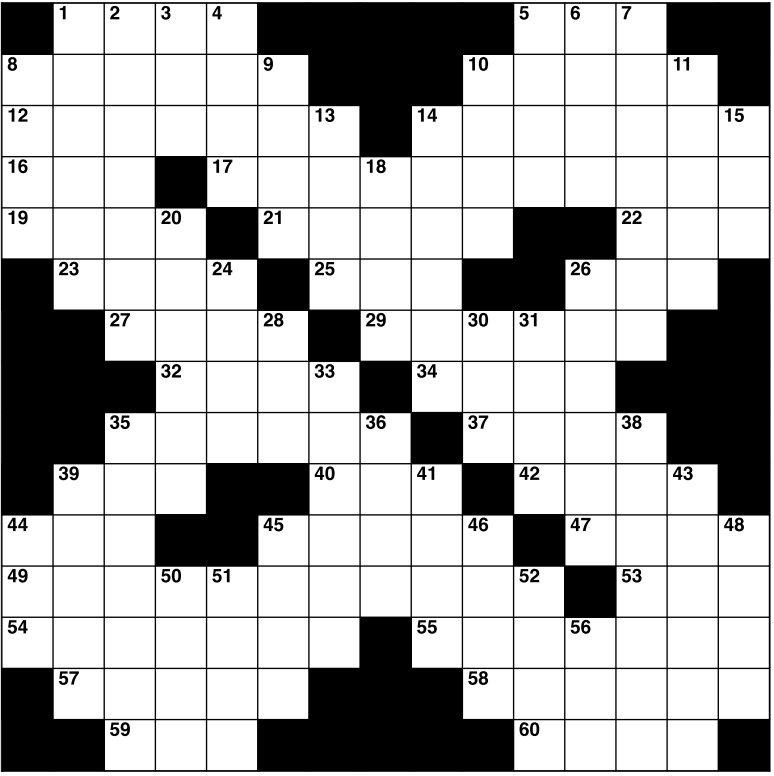
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Clues Across

- 1. Leg shank
- 5. Small amount
- 8. Roman emperor
- 10. Having ears
- 12. Innocent young woman
- 14. No wrinkles
- 16. Small coin (French)
- 17. 19 hundred hours
- 19. A way to inform
- 21. A seal or signet
- 22. Tobacco smoke residue
- 23. Tai language branch
- 25. Set afire
- 26. Partridge Family's actress Susan
- 27. Canadian flyers
- 29. Faculties of perception
- 32. A light two-wheel carriage
- 34. Was ____ (looked at)
- 35. Appear with
- 37. Natives of Thailand
- 39. Hill (Celtic)
- 40. Runs PCs
- 42. Visualizes
- 44. Mistake
- 45. Riding horses
- 47. Point of purchase
- 49. Armless Aphrodite
- 53. Having negative qualities
- 54. Protective visual folds
- 55. Crystallized calcium carbonate mineral
- 57. Beach grains
- 58. One who presents a bond for payment
- 59. Car mechanics group
- 60. & & &

Clues Down

- 1. Small paddle boats
- 2. Usual
- 3. Economic consumption
- 4. Without (French)
- 5. Powder mineral
- 6. Fleshy seed covering
- 7. Indicates
- 8. Stone lined grave
- 9. Feels remorse
- 10. Chemical structure

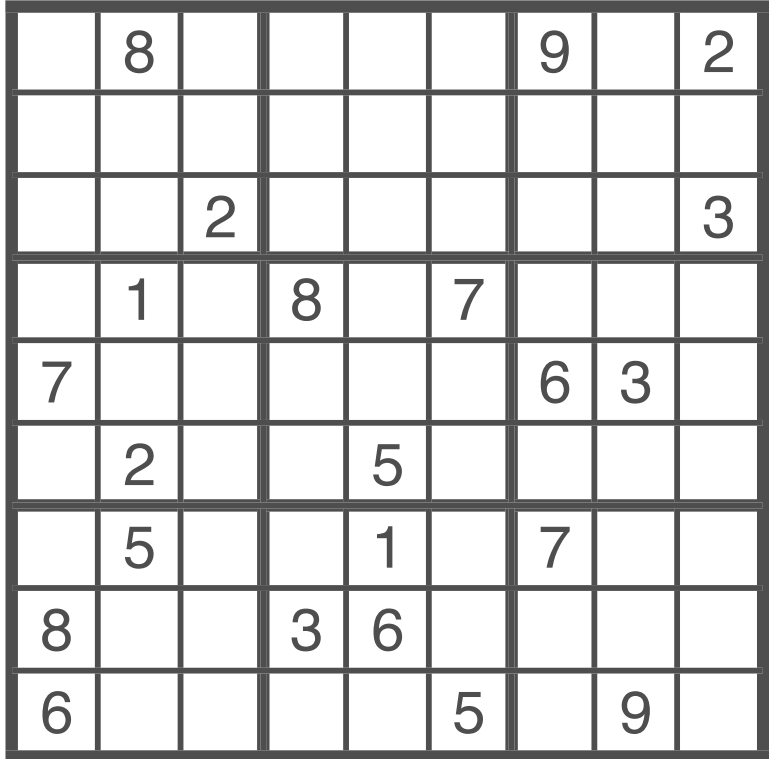


- 11. Decomposition
- 13. Morally base
- 14. Joins
- 15. Danish krone
- 18. Breastplate
- 20. Lesson reader in church
- 24. 1921 Turkish/Armenian Treaty
- 26. In a way, refutes
- 28. Zoftig
- 30. Fish, hair or inter
- 31. Mains
- 33. Fathers
- 35. Transparent eye membranes

- 36. Stray
- 38. Seafowl
- 39. 3 pip cards
- 41. Invests in little enterprises
- 43. Placards
- 44. 1st woman
- 45. Finds a sum
- 46. Thick piece of something
- 48. River in Hesse, Germany
- 50. Inner forearm bone
- 51. 1 of 2 contesting groups
- 52. Olive tree genus
- 56. Metal container

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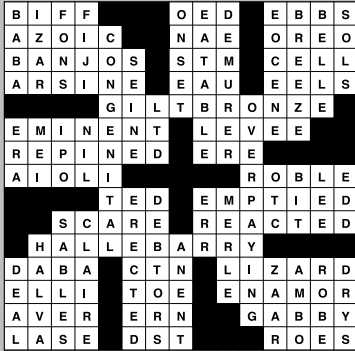
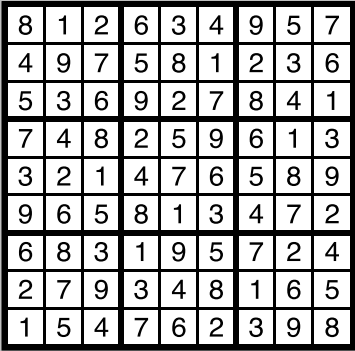
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After all this time

Harry Potter fans reminisce over the beloved book series

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Iconic books come rarely, and ones that change a multitude of lives are even rarer. Our generation has been blessed with seven of these books that make up the Harry Potter series, written by J.K. Rowling.

This generation grew up with the books and a movie series that stayed mostly true to the books throughout.

Senior English and history major Tanner Lewey is an avid Harry Potter enthusiast and fan. Lewey was able to transform her love of Harry Potter into an organization here at Northwest.

“Ever since I wandered into the org fair as a freshman, I have been disappointed not to find a Harry Potter group at Northwest,” Lewey said. “The issue gnawed away at the back of my mind for years, but I told myself that I was too busy or not qualified enough to start a new organization on my own.”

Dumbledore’s Bearcat Army (DBA) is a new organization dedicated to bringing together fellow Harry Potter fans, also known as Potterheads. Lewey serves as the group’s Headmistress.

“The DBA is an interest group composed of Potterheads that seeks to offer Harry Potter fans a fun, welcoming place to bond with other Potterheads,” Lewey said. “For many of us, the wizarding world has brought us joy and even solace, and it has always been there to welcome us home. That is what the DBA hopes to do for its members: offer them a place to call home during these turbulent college years.”

A variety of Northwest students are drawn to this organization and come from a multitude of different backgrounds.

“My favorite aspect of this group is that our membership list illustrates a little bit of every type of student at Northwest. Sure, we have the typical introverts that one expects from a geeky group,” Lewey said. “But we also have international students from Nepal and India. We have people in the marching band, nontraditional students who bring their Harry-Potter-loving child to the meetings, and people in the honors program. We [also] have people from both sororities and fraternities.”

While this organization is still in its infancy, it is gaining momentum quickly among the Northwest community and is a rewarding experience for Lewey.

“To see all of these people who are so different on paper unite and bond simply because they share a love of Harry’s magical world has been a moving experience to rival even the most heartwarming service projects,” Lewey said. “I never could have guessed a month ago that the organization would experience the level of success that it has enjoyed so far.”

Similar to many fans, Lewey’s love of Harry Potter started in her early years and only grew from the moment she read the first book of the series.

“Back then, it was just an exciting story. Once I reached the final year of junior high school and the umpteenth move in a short amount of time, Hogwarts became my anchor,” Lewey said.

Individuals often times use books as an escape from the real world, and a huge number of both adults and children have found comfort in this series.

“Like most angst-riddled, dramatic teenagers, I felt like my world was falling apart. I felt like I had nowhere to turn and no one who I could trust. But that summer, I picked up Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone for the first time in years and felt at home,” Lewey said.

“Every time one of the popular girls glared at me in class for answering a teacher’s question, or any time I slinked away from the jolly crowd to hide out in a teacher’s classroom during lunch, one thought of the wizarding world and Harry’s story comforted

me,” Lewey said.

The series also serves as a learning experience for the readers.

“The books also served as a major gateway to harder literature for me. I have always been a bookworm, but the masterful way that J.K. Rowling weaves all seven books together and the immense thought she put into the names of characters and spells showed me how analyzing literature could be just as rewarding as reading a book for fun,” Lewey said.

Many people have found and escape in this series and share a story similar to Lewey’s. One such story is that of Junior Charlnae Spearman.

“The first time I read Harry Potter I was a sophomore in high school. At the time, I fell in love with the adventure and the magic. I always wanted to be one of those people that always take risks and do things that other are too afraid of doing, and I got the chance to do that while reading each book,” Spearman said.

Books serve as a gateway to another world much like the experience Spearman described and have also changed the lives of their readers and inspired them to create their own adventures.

“This book series is probably one of the reasons that I want to be a writer. Knowing the effect that the magic, friendship, bravery and adventure had on me and so many others, and seeing how much J.K. Rowling enjoyed sharing her stories with us made me want to share the stories that I dream of and write about,” Spearman said. “If it wasn’t for those books, I might not have ever considered pursuing a degree in English and writing, and would still be in a major that didn’t make me happy.”

6 ways to go the distance

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Relationships are hard work. Throwing a couple hours of distance between you and your boo makes it worse. Luckily, plenty of students on Northwest’s campus are going through this and have offered up some advice on how they make it work.

1) Skype.
Freshman Lukas Haas’s boyfriend is a senior in high school. While it has been difficult being apart, the two have found that Skype makes things a lot easier.

“You have to just make them a part of your daily life. We didn’t communicate very well about how hard this was going to be and ended up having our first big fight,” Haas said. “Skype is a way to bring you together face to face.”

2) Set aside designated time for each other.
Freshman Madeline Taloney recommends that when you are spending time with your significant other, it needs to be about that person.

“It is recognizing that we spend all of our other time with other people and our friends and that the specific time that we have for each other is important,” Taloney said.

“It’s nice because when we are together, we don’t spend time bickering or upset, we can just focus on each other and just be happy.”

3) Write Letters.
Sophomore Megan Knott has been with her boyfriend for the past eight years. Both are Residential Assistants, which makes it even harder to go home and see each other.

“My boyfriend and I are sentimental people. I write him a letter every week and send it to him Monday morning and he reads it on Thursday. We have been doing it since freshman year,” Knott said. “He isn’t always so good at writing back, but it is nice to have a tradition and something to look forward to every week.”

4) Know that if it is meant to be, it will work out.
Freshman Rachel Ladd has only seen her boyfriend once in the past three months. Her boyfriend attends college in Colorado, a nine-hour drive from Maryville.

“We are both strong Christians. For us to make it work has been incredibly difficult, but putting our relationship in God’s hands and knowing that if God wants us to be together, then we will be together,” Ladd said.

5) Understand each other’s schedules.
Freshman Kierstin Hill is yet another student living hours away from her boyfriend. Hill is a Bearcat Stepper and is performing a balancing act between her boyfriend, classes, the dance team and friends.

“The key in our relationship is understanding each other’s schedules. We have to understand that we are busy and sometimes it might take a little bit to get back to each other,” Hill said.

Although Hill and her boyfriend are both extremely busy, they made sure to be there for one another.

“At the very beginning of the year we made a pact that he would come to all of the home games that I was dancing at and I would go to the gigs he gets for his drumming. It’s about letting each other know that you care about them,” Hill said.

6) Open line of communication.
Junior Hunter Davis has been with his girlfriend for nearly four years. His girlfriend was a Bearcat for two years before transferring to St. Luke’s School of Radiology.

“All forms of communication are so important. We Skype about twice a week, text throughout the day. We even have a 60 day streak going on Snapchat,” Davis said.

Like Knott, Davis also exchanges letters with his girlfriend. However, communication with God is even more important to both Davis and his girlfriend.

“Whenever we get really down about being far apart, we have learned to just pray about it and give that sadness to God. It’s really helped me,” Davis said.

Overall, no matter how far the distance, long distance relationships will require more work than local relationships. No one is alone in trying to make it work. Stay strong.



DARCIE BRADFORD | NW MISSOURIAN

Sophomore Darcie Bradford enjoys time with her friends and family, as well as music and writing.

HUMANS of the NORTHWEST MISSOURIAN

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My name is Darcie Bradford. I am the Managing Editor for the Northwest Missourian, I am 19 years old and I like to sing and play piano. I have purple hair and this summer I attended an Offspring concert.

May I just add it was free for me, courtesy of my boyfriend who works in radio? Don’t want to brag too much, but that was an awesome show, even though the band is really old.

So if you couldn’t tell, music is my thing. I’ve always loved music. I’ve been singing for as long as I can remember and I play flute, piccolo

and piano. I actually came to Northwest thinking I wanted to be a vocal performance major. However, I decided that was more of a hobby for me than a career choice.

But anyway, music. I love all kinds of music, ‘90s and 2000s alternative, orchestral music. I like some weird rock stuff like System of a Down and I love choral music. I enjoy modern alternative and a little bit of pop (guilty pleasure). I can get into rap every now and again and I really enjoy folk music. The only kind of music I just cannot stand, even having been born and partially raised in Tennessee, is country music. Go ahead, hate me.

Writing is another passion of mine. As long as I’ve been singing,

I’ve been writing. The things I love to write are the things that I know will affect someone’s life. I don’t care what the topic is, but if it can help or inform someone in some way, I am happy.

I wanted to go into a career where I could write but still offer useful information to the people around me. Turns out, that is exactly what journalism is all about.

All in all, my life is turning out nicely. I’ve found a career I actually love, and I still get to enjoy music in my spare time. I have a cozy home, many friends and family members who love me, a boyfriend I adore and a labradane puppy who has stolen my heart. I am content. And that, in a very brief nutshell, is me.

Students recant roommate nightmares

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Most people have a story to tell. If you don’t, chances are you haven’t met your terrible roommate; chances also are that you eventually will.

Living with someone else can be rough. From little things such as leaving their wet towel on the bathroom floor to big things such as being late on rent, people can drive you up the wall.

Classes have been in session for a little over three weeks now and the novelty of living with another person is beginning to wear off. Suddenly, a roommate’s quirks become obnoxious and exasperating.

Some freshmen are already having problems. Lauren Myrberg has started second guessing her choice in a roommate.

“She kicks me out of the room so she can hang out with guys. Then, the other night I had to leave because she couldn’t figure out her Math Skills homework and she was crying. But she wouldn’t let me help her. I am a math education major, and she wouldn’t let me help her with Math Skills,” Myrberg said.

Despite the frustration, Myrberg admits that her roommate has also made her laugh.

“The funniest part is when she broke her chair. She has a bunch of

stuff over by where her ladder is, so she put this chair by her bed so she can jump on it,” Myrberg said. “So, she jumped on her chair and went straight through it, broke it and landed on the ground.”

Thankfully for Myrberg, her experiences with her roommate are comical, not awkward. Other roommates are not as lucky.

Sophomore Rylie Wilkinson saw a little more of her roommate’s boyfriend than she wanted to.

“My roommate’s boyfriend was over and I left for class, but I forgot something. I went back to my room, opened the door and he was naked. She was lying on top of him. She threw blankets over them, and I was like, ‘Okay, bye!’ and shut the door,” Wilkinson said.

Wilkinson had to clarify boundaries with her roommate and her boyfriend after that.

“He never came back. They just started going to his house in St. Joe,” Wilkinson said.

The scary part about signing up for a random roommate is that you never know who you are going to end up with. To help with this, RoomSync is recommended by the school to try and find someone you click with.

RoomSync is a resource run through Facebook where freshmen are able to look for other people who

do not have a roommate. It is an easy way to get to know some peers and find out if you would be able to live together.

Some people get on RoomSync too late to find a roommate before room assignments come out. One such person was Joshua Skaggs.

“My freshman roommate was an interesting guy. Came from a rich family, had a ton of stuff in the room and I could just tell it was going to be bad when he brought his friends in on the first night and invited me to go party hopping,” Skaggs said.

“I stayed back, but he continued to party every night. His friends eventually started taking college seriously, but he never did. He would stay out really late, or not come back at all and then sleep all day,” Skaggs said.

Dorm life does not last forever, but it does last until May. Living with another person can take some adjusting to. For current freshmen, Skaggs recommends always being respectful and considerate, even if they are not being respectful and courteous back.

For future freshmen, Skaggs offers some advice.

“Utilize what the school sets up for you. If I had joined RoomSync earlier and gotten to pick my roommate, I might have found my life-long friend,” Skaggs said.

THE STROLLER: Your Woman wants you to get an education

That’s why we’re here, right? We want to be educated individuals prepared for the adult world? Many people have different ideas about what a valuable education is but only one opinion truly matters: the opinion of your future boss.

Now, I know that it is highly unlikely that I will be your future boss, but during my time as a college student I have learned what future employers want and it’s definitely not lazy students. Lazy students make lazy employees. If you are not motivated to try your best in college, why would you be motivated to try your best in a career?

I’ve heard many students

throughout the halls say the line, “D’s get degrees.” While this is true, it’s the bare minimum of unmotivated lazy students. Those D’s won’t turn into dollars, just disappointment. Let’s be honest, those of you who truly believe in this motto will not get far in life. Here’s your wake up call, act now.

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BOSTWICK
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Bostwick’s family is expected to be in attendance for the Central Oklahoma game. According to his niece and Northwest alumni Mallary Weingaertner, the fact that the Bearcats continue to honor Bostwick exemplifies the man he truly was.

“Knowing that he is still honored and remembered by the football program, fans and the whole Bearcat family makes it clear how much of an impact he made while at Northwest,” Weingaertner said. “He put so much into the program and it is amazing to see the support that continues even though he may not be with us anymore.”

Many people surrounding the Bearcat community know Bostwick as “Coach Bostwick,” but there was another side to him. He was a family man first.

Weingaertner recalls the day that he took the field as head coach for the Bearcats’ spring game in 2011. This was also the day that Weingaertner would find out whether or not she made the Bearcat Steppers.

She said even though Bostwick was preparing for his first test as head coach, he was on the phone with Weingaertner’s mother to see if she had made the team. He was the first to find out when she did.

“Family was always number one for Scott (Bostwick),” Weingaertner said. “Off the field, he was still a role model for everyone in our family. He was the one you could go to for advice, the one that wanted to hear about how things were going and the one always cheering everyone on.”

Honoring Bostwick is not the only thing the Bearcats are playing for. The Bearcats come into the game against Central Oklahoma feeling like they have something to prove. Although the victory against Central Missouri was thrilling, the



SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN
Junior wide receiver Quanzee Johnson kneels in the endzone Sept. 24, 2014 before kickoff against UCM during Scott Bostwick day at Northwest.

Bearcats know they have plenty of work to do.

“I’m not trying to take anything away from Central Missouri, but we don’t feel like we executed like we can,” Dorrel said.

“To say that meetings on Sunday afternoon and Sunday night were rosey and everyone was hugging it out, that wasn’t the case. We’re a little bit frustrated with how things went, our coaches and our kids both.”

The Bearcat defensive line that has been so dominant will come into the game against the Broncos short-

handed. Junior defensive tackle Collin Bevins and junior defensive end Cass Weitzl are listed as questionable to return to action after missing time from minor injuries.

Senior defensive tackle Brandon Yost said his role as a veteran is to get the younger defensive lineman ready to play if necessary.

“I just need to be a positive encourager towards them,” Yost said. “They may not have a lot of game experience, but they do need to step up for us. I need to try to make their transition as easy as possible. I need to take as much stress off them as I

can.”

Although Central Oklahoma comes into the game against the Bearcats without a win, they are not an opponent the Bearcats will overlook.

The Broncos’ offense has averaged 418.7 total yardage so far this season which is the third best in the MIAA. They are also ranked first in the MIAA in time of possession.

The Broncos’ defense may be ranked last in the MIAA, but their first three games were against the third, fourth and seventh ranked offenses.

“I picked them to finish really high in our league,” Dorrel said. “On paper they have 19 returning starters. They are extremely talented and physical. If you don’t believe me, make sure you get there early and watch warmups. I don’t think they look like a Division II football team. They are very large, rangy looking athletes.”

THIS WEEK
Bearcats vs. Broncos
2:30 p.m.
Sept. 26
Bearcat Stadium

TENNIS
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Filips cruised in her singles match winning 8-0 over Nany Bui of Bishop LeBlond. Filipis said keeping a clear mind led her to succeed in her match.

“It’s all about mental tough-

ness,” Filipis said. “I need to always clear my mind if it was a bad point and not think about it.”

At the number-six position, Coach McGinness made a substitution, putting senior Haley Howard in the spot instead of Hanna Kizer.

Howard finished with the closest match of the day as she edged out a win over Brenah Davies with a final

score 8-5.

Madison Stelter, the number three player, was in total control of her match, beating Katelyn Joe by a final score of 8-2. This victory put the Spoofhounds ahead 6-0, putting the match out of reach for Bishop LeBlond.

Head coach Nicole McGinness said she wants her athletes to focus

on improving each day.

“Everyone has their own individual goals,” McGinness said. “If a girl wins 8-2 or 8-3, we want them to go out there and do it again, and maybe even better than before.”

The wins did not stop for the Spoofhounds as Lauren Macali finished off her match with an impressive 8-1 victory over Sarah Aberer

of Bishop LeBlond. Bailey White beat her opponent 8-2. The final match of the day ended in an 8-2 victory for the Spoofhounds from Bethel Orchiso.

With this win, the Maryville Spoofhounds move to 10-1 on the season as well as 8-0 in all duels.

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Senior outside hitter, Natalie Gora, bumps the ball back over the net during practice Sept. 14.

Bearcat volleyball prepares for homestand

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With non-conference play behind them, Northwest Missouri State’s volleyball team (7-3) is preparing to showcase its talent at home for the first time this season. The Bearcats opened their season in tournament play where they traveled out of town for three weekends to compete without a student dominate crowd. That will change this weekend when the Bearcats open home court play. “I’ve been waiting since the end of last season,” senior Shelby Duren said. “That’s when we really get to show what we’ve been working for and how hard we’ve been

working The matches give the Bearcats a chance to develop a winning record at home for the first time since 2010. “It has been a while since we have had a winning record and that’s a focus,” Head Coach Amy Woerth said. “In the picture of the process, we’ve focused a lot more on receiving this year. We also had a lot of offensive hitting percentage, firepower and what we are doing offensively.” The Bearcats will host Southwest Baptist (2-8) Sept. 25. The match marks the beginning of conference play for both teams. “Southwest Baptist is a team we have traditionally gone five (sets) with,” Woerth said. “Every time we play them it is just a marathon. We have to understand that going in and take care of the small points and be able to put our best on the court.” The Bearcats second home match of the weekend is against Missouri Southern Sept. 26. Northwest has dominated Missouri Southern in the past, winning 23

out of 36 matches. According to Woerth, the stats won’t change any part of the team’s routine. “It will be a good test for us,” Woerth said. “We need to sweep them in order to be above them in the standings, so we’ve got to work hard this weekend.” The two matches come after the Bearcats went 1-1 over the weekend in St. Joseph. Northwest swept Henderson State in the first match of the weekend. Sophomore Darcy Sunderman tallied nine kills, five service aces, two digs and a block assist. Duren had five service aces, six digs and four kills. The Bearcats lost 3-2 to Oklahoma Baptist in the second match of the weekend. Junior Miranda Foster and sophomore Alex Williams each knocked down eight kills in the match. “It was kind of up and down,” Duren said. “The first team we played wasn’t as high caliber so we got to work on our own play-sets. The second match they were at a higher level than the first team and they really pushed us.”

Spoofhounds volleyball coach proven winner

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Maryville High School Volleyball and Wrestling Head Coach Connor Kellerstrass has dedicated a big part of his life to sports. Whether that dedication has been directed toward being an athlete or a coach, he has consistently been able to find success at all levels. While he was in high school, Kellerstrass wrestled, played football, and ran track. It was not until he attended college that Kellerstrass would eventually fall in love with the sport of volleyball. By the time he was 20 years old, Kellerstrass decided that he wanted to get into coaching. Before becoming an assistant coach at Maryville, Kellerstrass started off as a volunteer for the school. When Kellerstrass was hired as a teacher at Maryville High School, he officially joined former head volleyball coach Lori Klaus’ coaching staff. Even though Kellerstrass did not play volleyball while he was a kid or during high school, he was still able to adapt and learn how to coach the game at the high school level. “It was a huge learning curve, but I had a good teacher in Lori [Klaus],” Kellerstrass said. “I learned a lot from her and I learned a lot from the girls my first year. I just try to learn more and more every year.” Aside from trying to pick up on a sport he had very little experience with, Kellerstrass had to find a way to balance two other sports as well. Besides being an assistant coach for the volleyball team, Kellerstrass

also coached Maryville’s wrestling and track team. When Oak Park High School hired Klaus to be the next volleyball head coach, Kellerstrass seized the opportunity and stepped up to fill the void. Kellerstrass had no problem earning the respect and attention of his new team. “He definitely knows what he is talking about and I think he understands where we are all are coming from with everything,” senior Leah Jasinski said. “He knows what he is talking about and he definitely knows how to put it to good use.” Last season, Kellerstrass’ first year as head coach, the volleyball team did not miss a beat. The team finished 20-8-1, where they saw their season come to an end in the district finals. So far this season, the team is 6-5, but Kellerstrass believes his team is very close to accomplishing some special things. “We always talk about the girls becoming women of character,” Kellerstrass said. “It’s not just about volleyball on the court, but it’s how you carry yourself off the court, how you treat others, how others treat you. It starts in here. The girls work really hard and if they can keep a positive attitude and support their teammates, they’ll be successful off the court, as well.” The Spoofhounds volleyball team is not the only team that has excelled under Kellerstrass’ direction. Last year, the Maryville wrestling team finished with an overall record of 11-6. The Spoofhounds also sent six players to the state. This season, the team is anticipating yet another successful season with Kellerstrass at the helm.



Volleyball head coach Conner Kellerstrass guides his players Sept. 21.

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FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings	Overall	MIAA
NORTHWEST.....	3-0	3-0
Emporia St.....	3-0	3-0
Fort Hays St.....	3-0	3-0
Pittsburg St.....	2-1	2-2
Washburn.....	2-1	2-1
Missouri Western.....	2-1	2-1
Central Missouri.....	1-2	1-2
Lindenwood.....	1-2	1-2
Missouri Southern.....	1-2	1-2
Central Oklahoma.....	0-3	0-3
Nebraska Kearney.....	0-3	0-3
Northeastern St.....	0-3	0-3

Sept. 26
NORTHWEST vs. Central Oklahoma
Northeastern St. at Emporia St.
Missouri Southern at Washburn
Oct. 3
NORTHWEST at Northeastern St.
Missouri Southern at Central Missouri
Washburn at Fort Hays St.

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings	Overall	MIAA
Washburn.....	12-0	1-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	11-2	1-0
Central Missouri.....	12-1	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	11-1	0-0
Missouri Western.....	8-2	0-0
Lindenwood.....	7-2	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	7-3	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	2-8	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	0-10	0-0
Pittsburg St.....	0-11	0-0
Fort Hays St.....	8-5	0-1
Emporia St.....	5-5	0-1

Sept. 25
NORTHWEST vs. Southwest Baptist
Sept. 26
NORTHWEST vs. Missouri Southern

WOMEN'S SOCCER

MIAA Standings	Overall	MIAA
Central Missouri.....	6-0	0-0
Northeastern St.....	5-1	0-0
Missouri Western.....	4-1	0-0
Emporia St.....	4-2	0-0
Fort Hays St.....	3-3	0-0
Central Oklahoma.....	3-3	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	3-3	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	1-2-2	0-0
Missouri Southern.....	2-4	0-0
Washburn.....	1-3-2	0-0
Lindenwood.....	1-3-2	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	1-3-2	0-0

Sept. 25
NORTHWEST vs.
Northeastern St.
Missouri Western at Central
Oklahoma

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC Standings	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	5-0	3-0
Smithville.....	4-1	3-0
Chillicothe.....	4-1	2-1
Benton.....	2-3	1-2
Bishop LeBlond.....	3-2	1-2
Lafayette.....	1-4	1-2
Savannah.....	2-3	1-2
Cameron.....	1-4	0-3

Sept. 25
MARYVILLE at Benton
Bishop LeBlond at Smithville
Chillicothe vs. Lafayette

Oct. 2
MARYVILLE at Smithville

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Spoofhounds prove unstoppable amid MEC play

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Dominance has been the name of the game for Maryville on both sides of the ball this season.

The Spoofhounds football team continues to live up to their undefeated record so far this year, largely due to the consistency on offense and defense.

Balance has been the key for Maryville on offense, whether it is running the ball or throwing it. They have shown on a consistent basis that they are capable of long drives, while also finding the big play when needed.

Head coach Matt Webb said finding balance leads to big plays for the offense.

“I think it keeps them off balance because big plays happen with execution up front,” Webb said. “If they’re going to load up the box, then we have the chance to go through the air with a pass. Our coaches do a good job of seeing the way a defense is playing us.”

In the past two games for the offense, there have been 34 plays for 10 yards or more with 14 of those going for over 20 yards.

Going deeper into those statistics, the offense ran the ball 95 times compared to just 22 pass attempts. Junior quarterback Trey Oglesby said the consistency of the run game opens up the seams in the passing game.

“It’s nice when we run the ball because they have to respect the run,” Oglesby said. “When you see them come up, that’s when I know that big play can happen.”

The Spoofhounds are plus 11 in turnover differential on the season. Not turning the ball over on offense while creating turnovers on defense gives the team the advantage when it comes to field position.

“Takeaways are the number one statistic that determines wins and losses than anything in football,” Webb said. “You’re creating more opportunities for your offense and decreasing the opportunity for a team to score while on defense. You’re also getting more possessions on offense, so the likelihood of scoring is larger. It just creates a short field so that your offense doesn’t have to drive the ball as far.”

Maryville has put together consistent drives this season and averages over 49 points per game. Oglesby said finishing drives is something that is preached throughout each practice.

“We know if we can finish drives, our offense could be our best defense,” Oglesby said. “Our defense is good though. They don’t allow very many points, but we like to get as many as we can score.”

The Spoofhound defense has been just as potent as the offense. The defense is allowing just under



MARYVILLE VS. BISHOP LEBLOND & CAMERON

OFFENSE

AVG. points per game: 49
Plays of 20+ yds: 14
Plays of 10+ yds: 34

DEFENSE

Turnover differential: +11
Points allowed: 8

HANNAH WOODSON | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior wide receiver Hunter Hayes recorded two catches for 48 yards and two touchdowns in the Spoofhounds 63-0 victory over Cameron Sept. 18.

five points per game this season. Senior safety Hunter Hayes said the experience has helped the defense gel together.

“We have good guys and a lot of returning players from last year’s team,” Hayes said. “We all just take it as a personal thing to keep opposing teams out of the endzone. It makes it easier for the offense.”

As for the defense, they have been able to put consistent pressure on the quarterback, especially from the defensive line. Last week, they

forced Cameron to punt the ball nine times and held them without a score.

“It forces the quarterback to move in the pocket,” Webb said. “It makes the quarterback not be able to get a clear read on the defense. They can hit wide open receivers when there’s not that pressure in front of them.”

The Spoofhounds’ defense has consistently been able to get off the field as well. The Dragons were held to one of ten on third-down conversions last week. Hayes said pressure

up front has allowed the defense to make consistent plays.

“Our defensive line gets a lot of pressure on the quarterback which obviously helps us in the secondary,” Hayes said. “It makes our job way easier. The coaches know what they are going to do and make sure we’re in the right spots.”

Maryville (5-0, 3-0 MEC) continues Midland Empire Conference play at 7 p.m. Sept. 25th in St. Joseph against Benton (2-3, 1-2 MEC). Benton’s offense is scoring 16 points

per game on the season while the defense has allowed just over 23 points per game. Coach Webb says Benton can be very physical up front.

“Benton’s very versatile,” Webb said. “They use multiple formations on offense and their coaches do a great job of game planning. They put you in a lot of fits [defensively]. They have talent and they are extremely athletic. On defense, they are big and strong. Their defensive and offensive linemen are big guys but they move well for their size.”

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

Nolan Zimmer



The junior for the Cross Country team was the top finisher for the Bearcats, placing seventh in the Woody Greeno Invitational. The Bearcats finished the invitational in second place.

Miranda Foster



The junior for the volleyball team tallied 29 kills and helped propel Northwest to a 1-1 split Saturday afternoon in St. Joseph, MO.

SPOOFHOUNDS



Hunter Hayes



The senior wide receiver recorded two catches for 48 yards and two touchdowns as the Spoofhounds defeated Cameron 63-0.

Leah Jasinski



The senior for the Maryville volleyball team racked up 12 digs and six kills as the Spoofhounds fell to Lafayette 1-2 Sept. 21.



Members of the football team say a prayer for Scott Bostwick before kick off against the University of Central Missouri, Sept. 20, 2014.

SHAWNA KINGSTON | NW MISSOURIAN

Bearcats to pay tribute to late coach Scott Bostwick against Central Oklahoma

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Family weekend takes on a whole new meaning for the Bearcats as they head into their game against the Central Oklahoma Bronchos.

After a thrilling victory over Central Missouri, it would be easy for the Bearcat football team to have a hangover going into its game against a winless Central Oklahoma team.

That will not be the case for the

Bearcats, not this week. This week, the team has too much to play for. The Bearcats will honor former assistant and head coach Scott Bostwick during their matchup against Central Oklahoma by wearing red Bearcat paws on the side of their helmets.

“This is a big deal in our program,” Dorrel said. “It’s a big deal to me, it’s a big deal to our assistant coaches and it’s a big deal to our kids. There’s just a lot of reasons that we want to play well and that’s prob-

ably as good of a reason as any.”

Bostwick served as defensive coordinator for the Bearcats from 1994-2010 under former head coach Mel Tjeerdsma. When Tjeerdsma announced his retirement after the 2010 season, Bostwick was named as his successor. On June 5, 2011, Bearcat Nation was shocked as the news broke that Bostwick had died after a sudden heart attack as he was mowing his lawn.

The red paw logo that the Bearcats will don this weekend signifies

the red hat that Bostwick was known for wearing on the sidelines.

The tradition started back at the beginning of his coaching tenure. Bostwick’s players complained that they could not tell him apart from the other coaches as he was sending in the play calls. His nephew, who held the cords to Bostwick’s headset, was wearing a red hat. He plucked the hat off his nephew’s head and the rest is history.

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Junior Lauren Macali prepares to return the serve against BishopLeblond Sept. 21.

Spoofhound tennis cruises past competition in home duel

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It was senior night for the Maryville women’s tennis team as it took on its conference foe Bishop Leblond last Monday.

Maryville hosted the match on the campus of Northwest Missouri State and it was a dominating performance for the Spoofhounds as they won the duel by a score of 9-0.

The doubles teams took the court to begin the match. The number three doubles team for the Spoofhounds, comprised of Hanna Kizer and Bethal Orchiso, quickly disposed of the their opponent, beating them by a final score of 8-1.

Up next was the No. 1 doubles team, Kelly Filips and Lauren Macali. The duo found themselves in an early 1-2 hole. In the fourth game, the Spoofhounds stepped up their game, going on a seven game win streak and eventually winning the match 8-2.

After the match, Macali said once the team started talking to each other, things started to click.

“Communication is always an issue and up till then we had been short with each other,” Macali said. “Once we start talking to each other we were solid throughout the rest of the match.”

The last doubles match of the day was the closest of them all. Spoofhounds Madison Stelter and Bailey White beat their opponents in a hard-fought back and forth match ending at 8-4.

With a 3-0 lead heading into singles play, the Spoofhounds were full of energy and looking to deliver the final knockout blow.

Comeback win shows Bearcats’ true colors

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After Saturday’s win at Central Missouri, Northwest Missouri State proved they have something a lot of critics were unsure of—grit.

Several forms of adversity stared the Bearcat football team squarely in the face: four turnovers, a road crowd, a 17-point deficit in the third quarter, among others. However, when the proverbial chips were down, Northwest staged a memorable comeback.

With 36 seconds left in the game, the Bearcats finally took back a lead squandered just before halftime.

To many Bearcats, Central Missouri is a well-known problem-causer for Northwest.

In 2013’s NCAA championship campaign, the Mules came the closest of all opponents to knocking off the Bearcats in a 28-24 loss. The year before, Central Missouri topped the Bearcats 31-21 in Warrensburg.

The matchup in 2010 featured a last-second field goal win for Northwest.

The fact that the Bearcats have victoriously navigated rough waters this year is reassuring. It shows the composure Northwest can exhibit, even when trailing by double-digits, they can rise up and redeem themselves.

Brady Bolles provided the hub of composure Saturday. He threw three interceptions, but yet he willed his team to victory. It’s a form of the Bolles brand of football fans have not seen since Brady’s older brother, Blake Bolles, led offenses down the field more than five years ago.

Northwest has always been relevant in the Division II college football scene. But it seems in recent years, the

Bearcats have left the vehicle in cruise control, merely cruising through the MIAA conference.

This has manifested itself in the playoffs. Besides the 2013 season, Northwest has regressed in playoff round appearances. In 2010, the Bearcats made it to the national semifinals. In 2011, they attained a quarterfinal placing. The 2012 season ended with a second-round exit, and last year the Bearcats didn’t even make it out of the first round.

Sure, every year in Division II, a team simply cannot be expected to make it to the championship every year. Perhaps Northwest fans found themselves spoiled after five straight appearances in Florence, Alabama from 2005-2009. However, a team of Northwest’s caliber should not be exiting the playoffs in the first round. A team with grit doesn’t allow it.

The Northwest teams that made those championship runs had one key trait in common. They had grit. No matter the score, no matter the time on the game clock, they found a way to win. Whether it was a blocked extra point in 2009 against Central Washington, or touchdown in the last half-minute to outlast North Alabama in 2005, they succeeded.

The young Bearcats will need grit the rest of the way to find themselves in the 2015 NCAA Championship. However, old foes in Washburn, Pittsburg State and Emporia State still loom on the schedule.

This year, it appears as if the MIAA is a bit more competitive, and Northwest had a tough enough time dealing with Central Missouri.

If the trip to Warrensburg held any indication as to the Bearcats’ future fortunes this season, strap in. Northwest has the mindset it needs to make a deep run into the postseason.

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